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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/697,308	CHANG ET AL.
	Examiner Thanh Y. Tran	Art Unit 2822

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 17-21 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 17-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim (U.S. 4,999,310).

As to claim 17, Kim discloses in figures 3(A)-4(E) a structure of a LED device (“GaAs LED array structure) (see col. 2, lines 38-44) comprising: a LED substrate (21) (substrate 21 of “GaAs LED array structure”) (see col. 2, lines 38-44 and col. 2, line 65); and a transparent layer (24) on the LED substrate (21), wherein the transparent layer (24) comprises a metallic Zn dopant (26) (“zinc diffusion region 26”) (see Figs. 3(a) and 4(C), transparent layer 24 comprises dopped metallic zinc (Zn) 26, also see col. 3, lines 7-13).

As to claim 18, Kim discloses in figures 3(A)-4(E) a structure of a LED device (“GaAs LED array structure) (see col. 2, lines 38-44), wherein the transparent layer (24) is formed by LPE process (“Liquid Phase Epitaxy”) (see col. 2, line 61 – col. 3, line 6).

In addition, the limitation of “*said transparent layer is formed by LPE process*” is a process limitation in a product claim, which product does not otherwise patentably distinguish over prior art, cannot impart patentability to the product. In re Stephens 145 USPQ 656 (CCPA 1965).

As to claim 19, the limitation of “*said transparent layer is formed by LPE process utilizing a supersaturated solution*” is a process limitation in a product claim, which product does not otherwise patentably distinguish over prior art, cannot impart patentability to the product. In re Stephens 145 USPQ 656 (CCPA 1965).

As to claim 20, the limitation of “*an amount 1/1000 to 1/10 by weight of a solvent of a supersaturated solution in the LPE process*” is a process limitation in a product claim, which product does not otherwise patentably distinguish over prior art, cannot impart patentability to the product. In re Stephens 145 USPQ 656 (CCPA 1965).

As to claim 21, the limitation of “*an amount 1/1000 to 1/10 by weight of Sb of the supersaturated solution in the LPE process*” is a process limitation in a product claim, which product does not otherwise patentably distinguish over prior art, cannot impart patentability to the product. In re Stephens 145 USPQ 656 (CCPA 1965).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sato et al (U.S. 5,171,364) discloses process for preparing conductive acicular zinc oxide.

Fukasawa et al (U.S. 2004/0041165) discloses method for manufacturing light emitting diode devices.

Murano (U.S. 2002/0185966) discloses light emitting device and manufacturing method thereof.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh Y. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-2110. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9-6:30pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on (571) 272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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